

**Catholic Parish of Crowthorne and Sandhurst**

**Holy Ghost and the Immaculate Conception Churches**

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**Newsletter – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
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**Mass Times and Intentions**

Saturday 10.00am (HG) Monica & Eddie Cheung RIP

6.00pm (IC) The People of the Parish

Sunday 9.00am (IC) Bessie & Tommy Speirits RIP

11.00am (HG) Kenneth & Evie Taylor RIP

Monday 9.30am (HG) Michael Mannion RIP

Tuesday **No Public Mass**

Wednesday 9.30am (IC) Evan Williams RIP

Thursday 9.30am (HG) Martin Stubbs RIP

1.15pm (SL) Bishop John Hine RIP

Friday 9.30am (IC) Ken Rapley RIP

Saturday 10.00am (HG) Helen Nairn RIP

6.00pm (IC) Marjorie & Vincent Desmond RIP

Sunday 9.00am (IC) The People of the Parish

(12/1) 11.00am (HG) The well-being of Martin & Bridie Reid and family

IC – Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst HG – Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne  
B – Broadmoor Hospital (Mass not open to the public)

**This Sunday we will use the Preface of the Epiphany and Eucharistic Prayer 1**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) –**

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst: **Friday after 9.30am Mass**; Saturday 5.15pm – 5.45pm

Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne: Saturday 10.30am; Sunday after 11.00am Mass

**Anniversaries** – The following people’s anniversaries will occur during the coming week: Margaret Byrne; Eileen Bull; Patricia Woodward; Mary O’Connor; Michael Quinlan; Donald Guttridge; Peter Tranter; Margaret Fok; Addie Waite and Jan Krawczyk. May they all rest in peace.

**Thank you** - Father Marcus would like to say thank you very much to everyone who gave him cards and gifts for Christmas. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

Thank you also to our choirs and musicians, altar servers, the people who arranged flowers and put up the Cribs and Christmas Trees, cleaned the churches, and everyone who enabled our celebration of Christmas to happen this year.

**The children and staff from Our Lady’s Preparatory School are expected to join us for Mass on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January. They will be very welcome.**

**Epiphany House Blessing** - It is a Catholic custom, widely observed in Central Europe, to ask for God’s blessing upon our homes for the coming year by writing with chalk, blessed in the church for this purpose at Epiphany, the symbol 20 + C + M + B + 25 on the lintel above the main door of the house. The letters C M B have two meanings. They are the initials of the names traditionally given to the Three Wise Men (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) and also stand for the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, meaning *May Christ bless this house*. The other symbols represent the cross of Christ and the numbers of the year. While doing this the following prayer is said:

The Three Wise Men

C - Caspar,

M - Melchior,

B - and Balthasar, followed the star of God’s Son

20 - two thousand

25 - and twenty-five years ago.

++ - May Christ bless our home

++ - and remain with us through the new year.

Visit, O blessed Lord, this house with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love, and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace, and in knowledge and love of you. Guide, comfort, and strengthen us in your peace, O Lord Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

The chalk will be blessed during Mass this weekend and made available for people to take home with them.

**Refreshments after Sunday Mass** - Refreshments are available after the 9.00am Mass on Sundays on a fortnightly basis so please join us in the Hall at the Church of the Immaculate Conception this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January. The refreshments schedule is posted on the notice board. Refreshments are also served in the Parish Room at the Church of the Holy Ghost each Sunday after the 11.00am Mass.

**Afternoon Tea at the Church of the Holy Ghost** - will be on the **second** Wednesday in January (**8<sup>th</sup>**) between 2.00pm and 4.00pm in the Parish Room at the Holy Ghost Church. You are all very welcome – please join us.

**Social Committee Quiz Night** - Saturday 25th January 2025, 7pm - 10pm. Tickets £5 each, on sale after weekend Masses from 4/5th January to 18/19th January. Teams of 6. May be formed ad hoc on the night. Bring your own nibbles, refreshments and glasses. Please note that the gates of Sandhurst Memorial Park car park are **locked at 10pm**. The event falls on Burns Night so kilts are optional.

**Save the Date** – Curry Night Fundraiser - 15th March £15 per person. Further details to follow.

**Corpus Christi Parish Pantomime** – Set sail for laughs and adventures. Tickets are now on sale for the Parish Pantomime: Treasure Island. A family pantomime, full of the usual singing, dancing and silliness, is brought to you by the Wokingham Corpus Christi RC Church Panto Group. Treasure Island is the 20th annual panto brought to you by the amateur Parish Panto Group from Corpus Christi, Wokingham. Our aim is to spread laughter and good cheer with the songs and silliness of a pantomime and at the same time raise money for a worthwhile cause. Show Times are 3pm or 7pm on Saturday 25 January 2025 and 3pm on Sunday 26 January 2025. Location: Caldwell Hall Theatre, Holme Grange School Wokingham RG 40 3AL. Full details & Online booking office: [https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/charity/corpus-christi-wokingham-catholic-parish/event/treasureisland?utm\\_source=charitytoolkit&utm\\_content=231508&utm\\_medium=post&utm\\_campaign=CTQRCodeCampaign](https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/charity/corpus-christi-wokingham-catholic-parish/event/treasureisland?utm_source=charitytoolkit&utm_content=231508&utm_medium=post&utm_campaign=CTQRCodeCampaign). All Tickets £6 pp. All profits this year go to supporting ARC Youth Counselling Wokingham (arcweb.org.uk/about/)

**Plate Collection** for last two Sundays including Christmas : £3406.62 - Standing Orders: £575 - Digital Giving collection: £309.71. Thank you for your generosity. If anyone wishes to donate by cheque to the parish, the cheques should be made payable to CDP Crowthorne HG & Sandhurst IC.